What It Once Cost to Utter Oaths and Curses.

In 1623 it was enacted that any who cursed or swore should be fined 12 pence, or, on non-payment, be set in the stocks for 12 hours; or, if under 12 years of age, should be whipped. In 1694 another act was passed fixing gradations of punishment, and directing that young offenders up to 16 should be whipped, and this law was, ap to 1823, read publicly in parish statute by which a kind of swear scale was established, whereunder a day laborer, a common soldier or sailor or seaman might utter one oath for a shilling; a person under the degree of a gentleman for two shillings; a persou of or above that degree for five shillings, and the penalties were doubled after one conviction, and thereafter trebled. Nor were these enactments altogether idle. Thus in 1861 one John Mason Scott, a mealman of Winslow, Bucks, "did profanely curse one profane curse" in given words "20 several times repeated," and it cost him two and a half guineas; two sovereigns for the soldier-king, Talafeli, the entire group curses, at a florin apiece, and twelve of the islands. Talafeii was a stern and sixpence for the prosecutor, James King. Moreover, the conviction was held good by Justices Wightman and Blackburn.

Sir John Strange reports a case whence it appears that William Col-lier came before the justices and complained that James Sparling, a leather dresser, of the parish of St. James, Clerkenwell-a district not altogether free from the offense to-day—had profanely sworn 54 oaths, and profanely cursed 160 curses, contra formam statuti, and the leather dresser was adjudged guilty, and to pay twenty-one pounds eight shillings. We regret, however, to add that this decision was reversed, though only on the technical ground that the oaths and curses ought to have been set out; the lord chief justice, Sir John Pratt, Sir Littleton Powys, Sir Robert Eyre, Sir John Fortescue Aland being opinion that it was not for a witness to determine what was an oath-"to swear the law," as it was quaintly put -since "it is a matter of great dispute amongst the learned what are oaths and what curses."-Gentleman's Magazine.

WANTED TO KISS HER.

the Girl's Father Helped the Girl Along.

A story is going the rounds which makes a well-known society young man and a millionaire's pretty daughfer the principal characters in a rather laughable comedy, which was enacted in Avondale.

The young man, who is noted for his handsome bearing and winning "sleepers" from the iron wood of the and dye, to have sealing-wax lips and voice, accompanied the young lady to isilele tree, upon which numberless fat a mask-like face, which is conspicuous her home on one Friday evening, and, as all true lovers do, lingered yet a little while at the gate to have a lover's tete-a-tete with his fair companion. The night was beautiful, no one near to intrude, and, above all, he loved. Why shouldn't she kiss him?

With maidenly modesty she refused. He implored. She still withheld from him that which would fill favor of the Samoans, and the Tongas his cup of happiness. The request was repeated several times, and so en-grossed did the young man become in wooing that he failed to notice the approach of a parental step.

The old gentleman, who had been there himself, and did not care to intrude upon the happiness of the young couple, quietly stepped behind a convenient evergreen, and waited, thinking the young man would soon leave. In this he was mistaken. The lover tarried over the request until the patience of the old gentleman was exhausted. A voice the couple well knew aroused them from their happiness in a tone of impatient anger by

"Alice, kiss the young idiot and let him go home!"-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A Strange Well.

Near Wiederman's, Tex., is an bandoned well, about 60 feet deep and overgrown with vegetation, which a correspondent of Popular Science Monthly says is famous in the neighborhood for its musical powers. In fine weather, particularly with a westerly wind, it gives forth a sound like that of an Aeolian harp, swelling and dying away by turns. When a heavy northerly wind is blowing the water rises within a few feet of the top, and strange noises, which some persons bink resemble moans, issue from the well. An attempt to fill up the ly because of the existence of a subterranean cavity, which swallowed up the dirt as fast as it was dumped in.

Duke's Perpetual Pension.

The duke of York has just commuted a pension which has a curious history. It goes as far back as Flodden Field, where his ancestor, the earl of Surrey, commanded, and was awarded a perpetual pension of £40 a year for his victorious soldiership. The money has been paid annually, century in and entury out, ever since, and now the dake has let the country off for \$200 34 m

SAMOA'S NEW KING.

Malietoa Tanus Comes of an Old and Noble Family.

Ilis Name Meaus "Good Warrior," and He Claims to Be the Twenty-Third in the Direct Line of Royal Succession.

Malietos Tanus, who has recently been declared king of Samoa by Supreme Judge Chambers, is a living exchurches, after morning prayer, four ample of the fact that uncivilized roy-times a year. In 1745 there was a new alty has its genealogical tree as well as that royalty which appears annually in the Almanac de Gotha.

It is true that this genealogy is not founded upon written records, but it is based upon a well-authenticated verbal tradition. Thus a young Samoan who has just been declared king is the twenty-third of a line of ancestry.

Malietoa is the combination of two Samoan words-"malie," good, and "toa," warrior. Hence the word signifies a "good warrior." And it was, in fact, a good war, a war of liberation. to which the word and the royal line of the Malietoas owe their origin.

Nearly 300 years ago the Tongas, warlike and brave tribe, landed in Samon and soon subjugated, under their ruler, who reigned over the Samoan people with an iron hand.

Besides his sternness Talafeli had another particularly disagreeable and horrible trait. He was a cannibal. His prisoners of war were his victims-his diet, so to say. They were kept in a big cavern, Pu i Vaimoa, and daily the "rations" of the man-eating king were fetched from this place. This was the principal cause of the uprising of the Samoans. Talafeii, who had grown fat, did not seem to have much confidence in another bout at arms, and he decided upon a "divine judgment." A gigantic rock on the beach of the village Safotu, on the Island Savail, was to be rolled into the sea by the Samoans, but all strength and dexterity were insufficient to accomplish the task until



MALIETOA TANUS. (Declared King of Samoa by Chief Justice Chambers.)

two brothers, Tuna and Fata, known as wise counselors and great orators, appeared as saviors.

Legendary tradition has it that they caused to be prepared two great eels, which had been caught for this purpose, were fastened. One end of these timbers was put to the base of the rock, the other reached into the sea. A renewed mighty effort finally caused the rock to tumble upon these timbers, and amid the enthusiasm of the Samoans the huge rock slid upon the slippery cels into the sea.

"Divine judgment" had declared in prepared to leave. But they should not depart unpunished. Savea, a brave warrior and brother of Tuna and Fata. gathered in haste all available Samoans and fell upon the enemy near Safotu and made such a carnage that the slain buried in one big cave formed a big mound covered with pieces of rock, which is shown to this day. The rest of the Tongas fled to the island of Upola and settled at its eastern extremity,

near Aleipata. In the meantime the Samoans had also gathered near Aleipata, and in their camp they began their weird war songs just as the Tongas were ready for their orgies. The Tongas took this song for an expression of joy and carelessly abandoned themselves to their feast. when, like a cyclone, the Samoans fell upon them again and drove them again to flight. Another stand was made by the Tongas at a point where the German settlement is to-day, and there another murderous fight took place, which ended by the Tongas being driven into

the sea. Tuna and Fata had not seen each other during this series of bloody fights, and when they suddenly met both were so much disfigured that the brothers did not know each other, each taking the other to be an enemy. A tenrific single combat followed, in which both were felled to the ground. Saves had in the meantime made many prisoners, among them the daughter of Talafeii. These Savea did not give up to his warriors, but in noble spirit delivered them to their father. When he saw his apparently lifeless brothers he stepped upon their bodies, and in this position the king of the Tongas saw him.

Filled with admiration, Talufeii exclaimed: "Malle tau Malletoal" that warrior!" Henceforth eternal peace was declared between the two nations. The Tangas returned to their country and Savea was declared ruler over all Samoa. He took the name of Malleton Savea, and his brothers Tuna and Fata, who were restored to life, became his first counselors. This is the origin of the name Malie-

Geese Live Many Years. While the turkey's natural life is only years, the goose sometimes lives to

GILBERT PARKER.

Declined to Be a Clergyman-His Expe perience in Australia.

Like most bright boys, young Parker had his career carefully and prayerfully laid out by his parents, and when the time for individual action came he struck out on an entirely different course.

He was educated at Trinity colege, Toronto, and then, in obedience to the parental behest, he began to prepare himself for the Episcopal ministry. After spending a few months in theological study he openly rebelled.

He had a natural appetite for litcrature, and while pondering what he could do with it, or in it, he was surprised by a call from his college to become lecturer on English literature. To this post he stuck till satisfied that he was not yet on the right track, and then started on a voyage to Australia

for his health and to think. For several months he traveled among the principal cities, supporting himself by lecturing. Then he was commissioned by the Morning Herald, of Sydney, to visit the South Sea, Sandwich and other far off islands and describe the conditions of life he found there. While in Sydney he dramatized a version of "Faust," that city, and met with no great suc-

Newspaper work was exceedingly distasteful to him, but his letters so struck the popular fancy that he was urged to gather them in book form. and his first two and only books of travel, "Round the Compass in Australia" and "Below the Sun Line." were the result.

He was now an author, and speed d to London to establish himself. "By rare fortune," he said, "I was spared the first terrible experience of the average literary career in London, and I soon made my way into the magazines. When I went to London I presented two letters of introduction to editors. Neither of these men has ever accepted a line of my work. Those that gave me encouragement were strangers."--Philadelphia Post.

HOW TASTE IS PERVERTED.

Ingenious Theory of a Well-Known Pa risian Dilettante.

Prince Bojidar Karageorgevitch. a well-known Parisian dilettante, has been writing on what he calls the perversion of infant taste. He thinks it is wrong to give a small girl a dot! with pink cheeks, blackened eyes and ruby mouth, because she makes it her ideal of beauty, and when she grows up she is apt to paint her own face in imitation. He declares these monstrous dolls are the insidious seeds which, dropped in willing soil, produce later in life that "desire to paint among Parisian women to-day.

His idea is ingenious, but will not hold water, for the dolls American children play with are just as startlingly untrue to nature as the dolls little French maidens love, and over here the women do not make caricatures of their countenances. It is a well-known fact that the women of the Anglo-Saxon race have always shown less desire to make up than the women of the Latin countries.

About a year ago it was a perfect rage among Parisiennes to paint their faces a hard blue-white, and by adding scarlet make the mouth resemble a wound more than anything else. This peculiar style made them resemble a cross between a poster girl and the heroine of a decadent poem, and when it was worn in connection with raven or reddish hair the effect had to be seen to be believed. Yet the mode lasted so long it must have been admired, otherwise it would have died

Carnival masks in the south of Europe are always painted in the pinkand-white, blue-eyed style, and as little girls prefer dolls of this type to those which have brunette hair and brown eyes it seems to show that primitive taste inclines to violent colors in the way of feminine beauty.-Chicago Daily News.

Measuring Christianity by Muscle.

Two elders of the same Scottish church, meeting one day, began discussing the merits of a clergyman who had lately been appointed pastor of the congregation.

"Weel, Tammas," said one, "what dae ve think o' oor new minister?" "Ah, weel, Geordie," replied the other, "he daes no sae bad, but he's no up to the mark o' the ane we haed

"Na, na," responded Geordie, "I him; he was a powerfu' preacher, na people many dollars in postage. The is, "Thou hast fought bravely, good | doot o' that, Tammas. The short time he labored amang us he dang five Bibles oot o' the binding, an' kicket the fronts clean oot o' three pulpits."-Louisville Courier-Jour-

Strong Indications.

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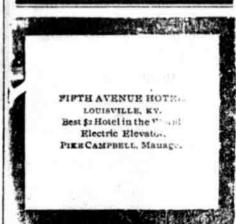
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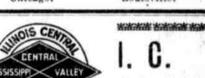
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